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LAND LINE AND WLL CONNECTIONS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of Mobile, Land line and WLL connections in Assam indicating the capacities being enhanced as well as expansion programme in hand during 10th and 11th Plans, location-wise;

(b) the total demand and expansion programme proposed for 2006-07; and

(c) the additional facilities being created for ensuring commercial availability of internet service as well as remote connectivity of the inaccessible areas like river islands in Assam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, details of the installed capacity in Assam of Mobile, Landline and WLL connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as on 31-01-2006, capacity expansion during 10th Five Year Plan, and plan for 2006-07 are given in Annexure-I.

BSNL finalizes Annual Plan on year to year basis and as such expansion programme beyond 2006-07 is not yet finalized.

(b) Waiting list as on 31-12-2005 is as follows:

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Landline        =    22,180
WLL             =    2,584
CMTS            =    28,704
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Expansion programme for 2006-07 is as follows:

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Landline capacity expansion    =    5,000
WLL capacity expansion     =    36,000
CMTS capacity extension    =    4,00,000
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(c) The additional facilities being created for ensuring commercial availability of internet service as well as remote connectivity of the inaccessible areas like river island in Assam are given in Annexure-II.

Annexure-I
Installed capacity (lines) as on 31/01/2006 is as follows :

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Land Line : 697996
WLL       : 69250
CMTS      : 359500
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Location wise details of installed capacity of Land line / WLL / CMTS are furnished in Annexure-I(A), Annexure-I(B), Annexure- I(C) and Expansion programme of Mobile BTS in Annexure − I(D).

Capacity (lines) enhanced during 10th five year plan (from 31/03/2002 to 31/01.2006):

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Land Line : 150465
WLL       : 68250
CMTS      : 359500
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Capacity (lines) Expansion programme in hand for 10th five year plan (targeted by 31/03/2006):

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Land Line   :  5000  (Two  New Tele Xges  with  other
ANRAX    conversion )
WLL        : 42000
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CMTS : 104050

Plan for 2006-07:

Land Line capacity (lines) addition : 5000
WLL capacity (lines) addition : 36,000
New WLL BTS : 48 Nos.
CMTS capacity (lines) addition : 4,00,000